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Interviews: 401 adults
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49 Male
51 Female
[5]

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401 interviews is $\pm 5\%$***

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1. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	1/98							High	Low	
	25 th	22 nd	17 th -19 th	12/97	10/97	9/97	7/97	9/97	6/93	
Approve.....	61	61	62	59	57	62	56	62	41	[20]
Disapprove.....	31	32	30	33	34	29	36	29	50	
Not sure.....	8	7	8	8	9	9	8	9	9	

2. How confident are you that Bill Clinton has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	1/98									
	25 th	24 th	22 nd	9/96+	10/95	10/94	6/94	5/94		
Extremely confident.....	14	13	17	12	9	11	11	12	[21]	
Quite confident.....	25	20	21	24	19	17	19	22		
Only somewhat confident.....	25	32	26	30	40	36	37	39		
Not at all confident.....	33	33	32	30	30	34	31	25		
Not sure.....	3	2	4	4	2	2	2	2		

	1/94	1/93	12/92	11/1/92+	10/92+	9/92+
	11	16	13	11	14	9
	24	31	25	21	27	23
	38	37	41	34	30	37
	25	13	19	31	26	28
	2	3	2	3	3	3

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 3a. As you may know, there are allegations that President Clinton had an affair with a 21-year-old White House intern. Do you think that these allegations about President Clinton are true, or not?

	1/98			
	25 th	24 th	22 nd	
Yes, allegations are true.....	47	45	38	[22]

- 3b. If it turns out that these allegations are true, do you think that President Clinton should be impeached and removed from office?
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|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|
| No, allegations are not true..... | 24 | 25 | 28 |
| Not sure..... | 29 | 30 | 34 |

	1/98			
	25 th	24 th	22 nd	
Yes, should be impeached and removed from office.....	37	32	42	[23]
No, should not be impeached and removed from office....	54	60	46	
Not sure.....	9	8	12	

- 4a. There are also reports that President Clinton encouraged the 21-year-old White House intern to commit perjury, which means to lie under oath, about their alleged affair. Do you think that these reports about President Clinton are true, or not?

	1/98			
	25 th	24 th ¹	22 nd	
Yes, reports are true.....	38	38	33	[24]
No, reports are not true.....	32	34	34	
Not sure.....	30	28	33	

¹ On January 22, the question was phrased "... encouraged this woman ...".

- 4b. If it turns out that these reports are true, do you think that President Clinton should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

	25 th	24 th	22 nd	
Yes, should be impeached and removed from office.....	59	57	60	[25]
No, should not be impeached and removed from office....	34	35	30	
Not sure.....	7	8	10	

- 4c. Based on what you have heard up to now, do you think that the U.S. Congress should begin hearings into President Clinton's role in this matter, which could lead to an impeachment trial in the U.S. Senate?

	1/98			
	25 th	22 nd		
Yes, Congress should begin hearings.....	48	48	[26]	
No, Congress should not begin hearings.....	47	40		
Not sure.....	5	12		

5. As you may know, Paula Jones has filed a lawsuit claiming that President Clinton sexually harassed her when he was governor of Arkansas and she was a state employee. From what you know, do you believe Paula Jones' allegations of sexual harassment against President Clinton, or not?

	1/98						
	25 th	24 th	22 nd	17 th -19 th	10/97	6/97	
Believe Paula Jones' allegations.....	37	37	37	27	35	33	[27]
Do not believe Paula Jones' allegations.....	44	45	40	50	48	45	
Not sure.....	19	18	23	23	17	22	

FACTUALS: Now I have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	10	[28]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	11	
55-59.....	6	
60-64.....	5	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	1	

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/ REPUBLICAN.")**

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	19	[29]
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly independent.....	24	
Independent/lean Republican.....	10	
Not very strong Republican.....	12	
Strong Republican.....	10	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

- F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[30]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	11	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	13	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	11	
More than \$100,000.....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	20	

F4. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

(IF NO:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[31]
White.....	79	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	